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Safety and Security of Refineries/ Wells
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided adequate fire safety and security systems to combat any fire accidents and other dangers arising out in petroleum wells/pipeline and refineries in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to provide safety and security and comply with international fire safety norms in the said installations including the fund allocated/spent during the last three years and the current year, installation and company-wise including Gas Authority India Limited (GAIL);
(c) the details of safety audit of public/private sector installations conducted by the Oil Industry Safety Directorate and shortcomings found therein along with the steps taken by the Government to remove those shortcomings, company/installations-wise; and
(d) the other steps taken/being taken by the companies for safety and security of their installations to prevent fire accidents/other dangers to various refineries/wells and pipelines etc., company/installation-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a) to (d): Petroleum & Gas installations including petroleum wells/pipelines, refineries, marketing locations etc of Oil Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) are provided with fire safety and security systems as per safety and security norms/standards set up by regulatory organisations like Oil Industry Safety Directorate (OISD), Petroleum Explosives and Safety Organisation (PESO) & Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS). These standards are framed as per laid down procedure. Some of the steps taken by Oil Industry to provide safety and security is at Annexure-I. The total funds spent during last three years and current year for providing safety and security of their oil installations by Oil PSUs is at Annexure-II.
Details of safety audit of Oil and Gas installations conducted by OISD is at Annexure-III. The shortcomings noticed during safety audits are communicated to the concerned organizations by OISD for rectification of the same. Simultaneously, the measures for improvement of safety are recommended for implementation in a time bound manner. OISD monitors the implementation of these measures.